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ANNUAL REPORT

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*Medical Officer of Health for the Year, 1923.*

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I beg to submit my report on the Sanitary Conditions of the Borough during the year 1923.

The Borough of Faversham is to the south-east of Faversham Creek and surrounded by the Faversham Rural District; it comprises the greater part of the Parish of Faversham and part of the Parish of Preston. Its area in acres is 693; population at Census of 1921 was 10,880. The rateable value of the Borough is

Faversham Within	...	£42,530	15s.	0d.
Preston Within	...	£5,384	12s.	6d.
		£47,915	7s.	6d.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £186.

Number of Inhabited Houses, 1921, 2,715.

Number of Families or Separate Occupiers, 1921, 2,833.

The chief industries of the town are connected with the Powder Works, Breweries, Shipbuilding Yard, and Jam Factories; the fishing boats and barges also furnish occupation; there is still a small amount of Brickmaking carried on. Many men living in the town are at work elsewhere.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

### BIRTHS.

There were 173 births registered during the year—80 males and 93 females; of these 25 were in the Parish of Preston Within, the rest in Faversham. This gives a Birth-rate of 15·9 per 1,000 of estimated population—the average of England and Wales being 19·7. This is lower than in 1922, when the total number was 208. There were 11 illegitimate births, 5 males and 6 females, as against 13 in the previous year; 2 of these children died.

## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

				Total	M.	F.				
Births	{	Legitimate	...	162	75	87	}	Birth-Rate 15.9		
		Illegitimate	...	11	5	6				
Deaths	...	...	...	122	57	65	Death-Rate	11.2		
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth							{	from sepsis	...	0
								„ other causes	1	
Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births:—										
Legitimate 28.9; Illegitimate 11.5; Total 40.4.										
Deaths from Measles (all ages)				...	...	...	...	...	0	
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)				...	...	...	...	...	0	
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)				...	...	...	...	...	0	

**DEATHS.**

The number actually registered was 96. From this must be deducted the deaths of 14 persons who belonged to other districts; on the other side we must add 40 deaths in other districts that must be ascribed to this district, as follows :—

Faversham Union Infirmary	...	28
Kennaways Isolation Hospital	...	0
Chartham Asylum	...	3
Other Hospitals	...	5
Faversham Rural District	...	1
Other Districts	...	3
		—
		40

There were 15 deaths in Public Institutions in the district :—10 in the Cottage Hospital and 5 in the Nursing Home. There were 7 deaths of children under one year of age, and 48 of persons of the age of 65 and upwards. Of the full total 12 deaths are to be attributed to the Parish of Preston.

The result is a nett total of 122 deaths. This gives for the Borough a death-rate for the year 1923 of 11.2 which is below the average for the whole kingdom which is given as 11.6.

**INFANTILE MORTALITY.**

The number of deaths under one year of age was 7 as against 15 in the previous year. This gives a ratio of 40.4 per 1,000 births, as against 72.1 in 1922. This is below the average, which is 69 per 1,000 for the whole country.

Two illegitimate infants died during the year.

Causes of Infantile deaths :—

Premature Birth	...	...	...	2
Marasmus	...	...	...	1
Bronchitis	...	...	...	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	1
Congenital Heart	...	...	...	1
Meningitis	...	...	...	1
				—
				7

CAUSES OF DEATH.	1923	1922
Enteric Fever	0	0
Scarlet Fever	1	0
Diphtheria	1	2
Whooping Cough	0	2
Influenza	0	10
Erysipelas	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	5	8
Tuberculous Meningitis	1	0
Other Tuberculous Diseases	3	2
Cancer	18	13
Rheumatic Fever	0	1
Meningitis	0	0
Organic Heart Disease	20	18
Bronchitis	11	5
Pneumonia	3	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	3	4
Diarrhoeal Diseases	0	0
Appendicitis	1	3
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	3
Alcoholism	0	0
Nephritis	3	4
Parturition	1	2
Premature Birth and Congenital Causes	3	9
Accidents and Suicides...	4	7
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0	0
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	8	6

This list shews a decrease in deaths from Influenza ; those from Bronchitis and Cancer shew an increase.

### WATER SUPPLY.

The source from which the public water supply is obtained is an excellent one, from deep wells in the chalk at a little distance from the town and on a higher level. The good quality of the water has

been maintained ; it has been analysed during the year and found to be quite satisfactory. Five other samples from other sources were sent for analysis, all of these but one were satisfactory ; in this case the well was closed and the houses previously supplied by it connected to the Water Company's mains. The constant supply was maintained throughout the year, although, in spite of the fact that the summer could not be called a very dry one, there was not sufficient rain to penetrate deeply enough to replenish the springs to such an extent as to do away with all need for care in the use of the water.

### **DRAINAGE & SCAVENGING.**

The Sewage Works, consisting of Pumping and Filtering Station and Treatment Beds, have been kept in good order and have worked efficiently and delivered a good effluent ; the filter beds are on the Dibden Slate Bed System. The whole belongs to, and is managed by the Authority themselves. The main drainage system is in good order ; it was extended and improved at the time the sewage works were established.

The disposal of refuse, the scavenging and the street watering are carried out well and satisfactorily by the Authority themselves under the supervision of their Surveyor ; I cannot, however, feel that the receptacles in which the household rubbish is exposed in the streets to await collection, are at all satisfactory. There are a few earth closets and cesspools in the outlying parts of the district, which are well attended to.

Number of Houses in Borough	...	...	2712
Number of Freshwater Closets	...	...	2687
Number of Privies (moveable receptacles)...			19
Number of Privies (fixed receptacles)	...	...	6
Conversions into Water Closets	...	...	0

### **MILK.**

The Milk supply of the Borough is chiefly from farms in the Rural District, and so brought in from outside. There are, however, three groups of cowsheds in the Borough which furnish quite a large amount of milk. Much of it is sold in little milk-shops of which there are six in the town. These are as a whole carefully managed, but need a little looking after as regards keeping the milk covered up while in the shop. In all of these places the milk is not stored, but sold right away as soon as it arrives in the shop from the dairy. The Cowsheds and the Dairies are kept clean and in good order, they have been regularly inspected. The arrangements for storing milk are quite satisfactory. The quality of the milk sold has been satisfactory and it has not been found necessary to take samples for analysis, as this has been done by the Police Authorities.

## OTHER FOOD.

Great attention has been paid to the quality of the various articles of food supplies during the year; and in this work we have been helped by the co-operation of those occupied in this business. There is no public abattoir in the Borough but the various slaughter-houses and places where animals are offered for sale have been inspected and attended with great regularity.

A total of 2327-lbs. of food of various descriptions was condemned and destroyed; and in no case was it found necessary to resort to prosecution. The amount of meat and organs that was condemned amounted to over 1-ton, nearly half of this being on account of Tuberculosis.

## SCHOOLS.

There are three public Elementary Schools in the Borough—the Council Schools in Ethelbert Road, the District Schools in Church Road, and the Wesleyan Schools between Newton Road and Preston Street, this latter consists of Girls and Infants only; the others have the full departments of Boys, Girls, and Infants. The sanitary arrangements have been surveyed during the year and are in good order. The buildings are in good repair and well supplied with water from the public supply.

## MEDICAL INSPECTION & TREATMENT.

Regular inspection as required by the Board of Education has been carried out on children entering school, and also at the ages of 8 and 13. Re-examinations and special examinations have also been made as necessary, the total number of children examined amounting to 686. Many suspicious cases of infectious disease were examined and the necessary instructions given. There were 228 children referred for treatment for serious defects or diseases; 190 children were treated during the year; these included some left over from the preceding year. There were 258 children suffering from minor defects which necessitated them being kept under observation. The most important of the defects consisted of errors of vision, decayed teeth, and enlarged tonsils and adenoids. The Ophthalmic Specialist has attended to 30 eye cases; glasses were prescribed for 28 of these and supplied by the Committee; most of the cost has been repaid by the parents.

Twenty cases of Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids were attended to at the Cottage Hospital by arrangement with the Education Committee. Parents shewed an interest in the work of Medical Inspection by attending in good numbers. The School Nurse has visited children in their homes and supervised and applied treatment and has also assisted myself and the Ophthalmic Officer at our visits and inspections.

During the year there was no especial prevalence of any infectious disease except Chicken-pox which was made notifiable in the last half of the year ; the only death from any of these diseases was 1 from Diphtheria ; at one time several cases of Ringworm occurred but were gradually got under. It was not found necessary to close any of the Schools at any time.

## **INSPECTION.**

### **COW-SHEDS.**

There are two groups of these in the Borough. They are all away from buildings and are well ventilated and kept clean and in good order. The cattle are turned out into meadows and not kept in the sheds entirely.

### **SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.**

There are 10 premises that are licensed to be used for the purpose of Slaughter-houses, though the amount of slaughtering is not so great as it was a few years ago. These have been carried on in a satisfactory manner on the whole, but many of them would be improved by a more careful attention to such details as the quicker removal of refuse and the keeping all offal under proper cover and away from access to flies.

During the year the Council have adopted fresh Bye-laws for the regulation of the Slaughter-houses ; also the Health Committee has made a complete inspection of all the Slaughter-houses and given orders for various alterations and improvements, some of which have been carried out.

### **BAKEHOUSES.**

There are 11 Bakehouses on the Register. There are no underground bakehouses in the Borough. Of these 4 may be classed as Factory Bakehouses, as machinery (chiefly electric) is employed in them. These have been uniformly kept in good order in the past year.

### **OFFENSIVE TRADES.**

There are no offensive trades in the Borough. There are 4 premises on which the frying of fish is permitted. These are all well managed and supervised, and have not given rise to any more annoyance than could reasonably have been expected.

### **HOME WORKERS.**

There is very little of this carried on. We have no lists of out-workers sent in.

### **COMMON LODGING-HOUSES.**

There are 3 of these in the Borough, 1 of them being on licensed premises. These are subject to the Bye-laws as to ventilation, over-

crowding, cleanliness, white-washing, and adequacy of sanitary arrangements. They have been well managed and kept in good order throughout the year. There are also 2 private houses registered as "Houses let in Lodgings"; under the Bye-laws for their regulation they have been satisfactorily kept.

### FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS.

No. of premises on the Register :—

Factories	...	...	...	...	36
Workshops	...	...	...	...	76
					<hr/> 112

The occupations carried on in these places may be given as follows :—

Dressmaking  
 Millinery  
 Tailoring  
 Bakehouses  
 Breweries  
 Printers  
 Wheelwrights  
 Saddlers  
 Cycle Repairers  
 Carpenters and Builders  
 Basket-making  
 Cabinet do.  
 Harness do.  
 Boot do.  
 Sail do.  
 Rag Sorting  
 Wool do.  
 Monumental Masons  
 Coach Builders  
 etc.

These have all been regularly inspected and kept up to a proper standard of cleanliness and ventilation, and provision of proper sanitary conveniences, and overcrowding has been prevented.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The year 1923 has been very free from anything approaching an epidemic of any infectious disease; even the usual amount of Influenza at the end of the winter did not materialise. Small-pox has been prevalent in a gradually increasing degree in many parts of the country, but only at one time did it approach anywhere near here; in view of the fact that there was a slight prevalence of

Chicken-pox it was considered best to make this disease notifiable ; this was done during the latter part of the year. I am glad to be able to report that we have had no case of Small-pox in the district ; the Hospital at Luddenhams is in readiness if occasion should arise in either of the Faversham Districts.

#### BACTERIOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS.

Specimens have been sent to the Laboratory at Maidstone as follows :—

			Positive	Negative	Total
Diphtheria	...	...	8	57	65
Tuberculosis	...	...	10	19	29
Enteric	...	...	1	1	2
			<hr/> 19	<hr/> 77	<hr/> 96

Tetanus anti-toxin has been supplied by the County Medical Officer ; Diphtheria anti-toxin and anti-meningococcus Serum have been supplied by the Authority for use as required. The School teachers have also rendered great assistance by sending for examination many suspicious cases of infectious disease.

There were 86 cases of infectious disease notified under all headings in 1923, as against 69 in 1922. Of these, 51 cases were removed to Isolation Hospitals. These are classified as follows :—

			Notified		Removed to Hospital	
			1923	1922	1923	1922
Diphtheria	...	...	13	13	12	13
Erysipelas	...	...	1	2	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	32	15	30	15
Enteric Fever	...	...	0	1	0	1
Puerperal Fever	...	...	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica			1	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum			3	2	0	0
Tuberculosis, Pulmonary	M.		7	9	4	3
	F.		6	6	3	1
Tuberculosis, other forms	M.		7	2	0	0
	F.		5	2	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	3	17	0	1
Chicken-pox	...	...	8	0	0	0
			<hr/> 86	<hr/> 69	<hr/> 49	<hr/> 34

There were 3 deaths from Pneumonia, 1 death from Diphtheria, and 9 deaths certified from Tuberculosis ; none of these were of non-notified cases ; I received during the year 6 notifications under Form C, and 3 under Form D.

## OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.—CASES.

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## HOSPITALS, NURSING, &c.

There are two Hospitals maintained by the Authority for Infectious Diseases, viz., Kennaways Hospital for Scarlet Fever, Enteric and Diphtheria, and Luddenham Hospital for Small-pox cases. The former has been regularly at work all the year; it has 16 beds. The latter has not been used but has been kept in repair and readiness; it is occupied by a caretaker and can receive patients at any time. Arrangement has been made with the Rural Hospital to receive cases of Cerebro-spinal meningitis. The authority has its own Ambulance for the conveyance of infectious cases; for other cases and accidents an ambulance is jointly maintained by the Urban and Rural Authorities and is driven and staffed by the members of the Faversham St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Home nursing is provided by the District Nurse of the Local Nursing Association, but she does not attend infectious cases. The Cottage Hospital receives accidents and surgical cases and there is also a private Nursing Home. There are 3 Midwives practising in the district, all working on their own account; the County Council provides a Tuberculosis Dispensary, a Venereal Diseases Clinic and an Infant Welfare Centre; each of these meet weekly.

Tuberculosis, 2, Albion Terrace, every Tuesday.

Venereal Disease, 2, Albion Terrace, every Thursday.

Infant Welfare Consultation, Queen's Hall, every Friday.

The attendance at all of these is good; the Infant Centre maintains its popularity and has an average attendance of about 40; addresses have been given to the Mothers on appropriate subjects; treatment is not given; any case of real illness is referred to their own Doctor.

## INSPECTION.

During the year I have made routine inspections of the various premises that come under my powers, and of course special visits as occasion arose in connection with infectious disease, nuisances, insanitary conditions, diseased meat, defective houses, and other causes; details are below:—

Common Lodging-houses	...	...	5
Workshops	...	...	60
Factories	..	...	31
Bakehouses	...	...	12
Slaughter-houses	...	...	27
Fish Shops	...	...	8
Dairies, Milk Shops, and Cowsheds	...	...	17
Various	...	...	20

The details of the various premises to be inspected and the work done in connection therewith are set out fully in the report of the Sanitary Inspector and it is therefore unnecessary for me to re-capitulate them.

### PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health	...	...	...	Part Time
Sanitary Inspector	...	...	...	Full Time
Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute for Inspector of Nuisances				
Do.	do.	do.	do.	Meats & Foods
Also acts as Petroleum, Shops Act, Pharmacy and Poisons Inspector				
School Nurse	...	...	...	Part Time
Optthalmic Specialist for School Children	...	...	...	Part Time

### HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total, private enterprise	...	...	...	1
(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme	...	...	...	Nil.

#### 1. *Unfit dwelling-houses.*

Inspection—(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)				
...	...	...	...	436
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910				
...	...	...	...	358
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation				
...	...	...	...	3
(4) Number of dwelling-houses ((exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation				
...	...	...	...	340

#### 2. *Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notices.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers				
...	...	...	...	337

#### 3. *Action under Statutory Powers.*

A.—Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs				
...	...	...	...	18
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit :—				
(a) by owners	...	...	...	13
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	Nil.

- (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close Nil.
- B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... .. 12
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied :—
- (a) by owners ... .. 12
- (b) by Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil.
- C.—Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.
- (1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders ... .. 3
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... .. 3
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit ... .. 4
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... .. 3
- (5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... .. Nil.

This is to be classed as an “ordinary” Report; the year has been an uneventful one from a sanitary point of view, with a low death-rate and a small amount of infectious disease in all parts of the country; I am afraid it is too much to expect such a pleasing state of affairs to continue throughout the ensuing year.

In concluding my Report I have to acknowledge the consideration always shewn to me by the Council and valuable help received from my brother officials.

CHARLES J. EVERS, M.D.,

May, 1924.

*Medical Officer of Health.*

## BOROUGH OF FAVERSHAM.

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*Sanitary Inspector's Report for the Year ending December 31st, 1923.*

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TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF  
THE BOROUGH.

Your Worship and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit a report of the work carried out in my department during the year 1923.

### GENERAL.

In my report for 1922 I briefly touched on the question of "Flushing Cisterns" and "Sanitary Dustbins." The necessity for these has not diminished, and I understand the cost is rather lower than twelve months ago.

The number of houses inspected under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations is practically the same as in 1922. The number of defects found however is less, and this points to the fact that the majority of the houses mentioned in the Committee's Survey Report as repairable have been dealt with.

In 1920, 1086 defects were found in 193 houses, while in 1923, 640 defects were found in 242 houses.

An important measure of the year connected with public health work, was the revision of the Slaughter-house byelaws.

The last revision was made in 1891, and they were therefore inadequate to deal with modern requirements. The Council adopted the Model Bye-laws en bloc, with the addition of a bye-law regulating slaughtering at night and on Sundays, and they received the sanction of the Minister of Health in August. The operation of the bye-law relating to the use of a mechanical instrument for stunning was suspended for six months,

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The usual enquiries have been made and precautions taken in connection with the cases of infectious disease notified under the regulations, and 110 rooms were disinfected with formalin spray and fumigation.

The arrangements for the removal of patients to the Isolation Hospital have been improved. A nurse now accompanies the patient in the ambulance to the hospital, and the practice of parents and other persons going with patients discontinued.

## HOUSING.

During the year three Closing Orders, followed by Demolition Orders were made on three cottages at Preston Within.

The latter orders were suspended for a period to give opportunity for repairs or reconstruction. The property was sold and has since been reconstructed and improved by the purchaser, with the result that an application was before the Council at the end of the year to determine the orders.

The Closing and Demolition Orders on No. 46, West St. were also determined owing to the property having been repaired and improved.

Under the Housing Regulations, 1910, 358 houses were inspected and records made in accordance with the Act. Of this number 242 were found defective in a greater or less degree.

The total defects found numbered 640, the majority of which were remedied by the owners on the receipt of informal notices.

18 Statutory notices under Sec. 28, Housing Act, 1919, were ordered by Council. The result of these notices was that the work was done without the Council having to resort to extreme measures.

The defects mentioned above may be classified as follows :—

### STRUCTURAL DEFECTS IN HOUSES.

Defective windows	...	...	...	92
Defective roofs	...	...	...	67
Defective eaves, gutters and downpipes	...	...	...	66
Defective cooking ranges and copper furnaces	...	...	...	42
Damp walls	...	...	...	33
Defective floors	...	...	...	33
Defective ceiling and plastering	...	...	...	28
Insufficient ventilation	...	...	...	11
Defective chimney heads	...	...	...	2

## DRAINAGE AND OTHER DEFECTS.

Improperly paved yards	...	...	83
Defective and insanitary sinks and waste-pipes			56
Defective drains and gulleys	...	...	17
Water supply to improve	...	...	16
Defective water closets	...	...	16
Flush tanks out of order	...	...	13
Rain-water pipes direct to drain	...	...	9
No sinks	...	...	9
Drains ventilated	...	...	4
Various other matters	...	...	43
			<hr/> 266
Total	...	...	640

NUISANCES DEALT WITH UNDER THE PUBLIC  
HEALTH ACTS, 1875—1907.

Choked and defective drains	...	...	63
Accumulations of manure	...	...	19
Defective gutters and rain-water pipes	...	...	12
Foul and broken W.C. basins	...	...	11
Defective flushing cisterns	...	...	9
Damp walls	...	...	7
Defective roofs	...	...	7
No Proper water supply	...	...	6
Defective sinks and waste-pipes	...	...	5
Limewashing overdue	...	...	4
Defective paving	...	...	3
Accumulations of refuse in yards	...	...	3
Unventilated drains	...	...	3
Rain-water pipes direct to drain	...	...	2
Overcrowding	...	...	1
Various	...	...	7
			<hr/> 162
Total	...	...	162

## WATER SAMPLES.

During the year five samples of water were submitted to the County Analyst. In one case an adverse report was received. The sample was taken from a well supplying four houses. The Council ordered Statutory notices to be served under Sec. 62, P. H. Act, 1875, with the result that a supply was laid on to each house from the Water Co's. mains. The well was closed voluntarily by the owners concerned.

One of the samples was from the Public supply and the report on it very satisfactory.

## FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are 123 premises on the register :—

Factories including Factory Bakehouses	...	36
Workshops	... ..	76
Bakehouses...	... ..	11
Total	... ..	123

156 inspections were made and 4 nuisances found. No lists of outworkers were sent in under Sec. 107, F. and W. Act, 1901.

## SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

There are 10 Slaughter-houses in the Borough. 771 inspections were made (including Cattle Market) and 4 nuisances found, consisting of accumulations of manure and offal, and neglecting to limewash at the proper periods.

I have referred to the revision of Bye-laws. The Health Committee made an inspection of the Slaughter-houses, and drew up a report setting out several items, which, in their opinion should be remedied. When the bye-laws received the sanction of the Minister of Health the question of the repairs was again considered, and some of the work has been carried out.

## MEAT AND FOODS.

During the year the total weight of food surrendered as unfit for human consumption was 2327 lbs. consisting of :—

Meat and organs	...	2287 lbs.
Fruit	... ..	40 lbs.
Total	... ..	2327 lbs.

About 25 per cent. of the former was affected with Tuberculosis.

The whole of this food was surrendered without official seizure and condemnation by a Justice. I would take this opportunity of thanking the traders generally for their co-operation and assistance in this work.

## DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

The following person are now on the register :—

Cowkeepers	... ..	2
Retail Purveyors (residing in the Borough)	...	12
Retail Purveyors (residing outside the Borough)	...	8

78 inspections were made and the premises generally found to be kept in a satisfactory condition.

No complaints were received respecting the quality of the milk delivered, in consequence of which no samples were taken by the Local Authority, but the usual number were taken by the Police.

Some of the retailers distribute "machine skimmed milk" which comes into the district by rail. I have had to caution these with regard to marking the vessels as required by the Food and Drugs Acts, for the protection of the public.

### COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are 3 registered Common Lodging Houses, and 2 Houses registered as Houses Let in Lodgings. Two of the former are now under annual licences. 44 inspections were made, and the premises have been kept satisfactorily and in accordance with the Bye-laws.

### INSPECTIONS.

Under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations	358
After cases of infectious disease ... ..	133
Premises, Drains, W.C.'s, &c. ... ..	436
Slaughter-houses and Market ... ..	771
Fish and fruit shops, Market stalls ... ..	213
Dairies, cowsheds and milkshops ... ..	78
Factories ... ..	41
Workshops ... ..	68
Bakehouses ... ..	47
Stables, manure pits, etc. ... ..	109
Common lodging houses and houses let in lodgings...	44
Various ... ..	35
Re-inspections ... ..	925
Total ... ..	3258

### DEFECTS AND NUISANCES FOUND.

During housing inspections ... ..	640
Factories, workshops, slaughter-houses ... ..	8
During other inspections ... ..	162
Total ... ..	810

### ACTION TAKEN.

#### INFORMAL NOTICES SERVED.

Respecting defects under the Housing Acts ... ..	135
Under Public Health Acts, 1875—1907 ... ..	84
Total ... ..	219

## STATUTORY NOTICES SERVED.

Under Sec. 28, H.T.P. Act, 1919	...	...	18
Under Public Health Acts	...	...	14
Total	...	...	<hr/> 32

## RESULTS.

## DEFECTS AND NUISANCE REMEDIED (INCLUDING THOSE OUTSTANDING 1922).

Under the Housing Acts	...	...	717
Under the Public Health Acts	...	...	162
Total	...	...	<hr/> 879

## DEFECTS OUTSTANDING AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

In houses inspected under the Housing Acts	...	88
In other premises	...	10
		<hr/> 98

No Legal Proceedings were taken during the year.

I take this opportunity, in concluding my Ninth Annual Report as your Sanitary Inspector, of thanking the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, Dr. Evers, Medical Officer of Health, and the Town Clerk for their assistance to me in the execution of my duties, and also to the Public generally for their courtesy during the inspections.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE G. CULMER,

Member R. San. Inst., M.S.I A.,

*Sanitary Inspector.*

20, West Street, Faversham,

February, 1924.



